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SUBJ: CASTRO VISIT TO ETHIOPIA - II

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1. MARCH 16 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED CASTRO HELD TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN MENGISTU MARCH 15 CENTERING "ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE TWO COUNTRIES." MENGISTU BRIEFED CASTRO ON ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION AND ITS DIFFICULTIES AND TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED "WAYS AND MEANS NON-ALIGNED COUNTIRES CAN FURTHER STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONS AND SOLIDARITY." TALKS WERE ATTENDED BY PMAC DEPQTY CHAIRMAN ATNAFU,

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CUBAN CENTRAL COMMITTEEMEMBER RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ AND PMAC MEMBERS.

2. MEDIA HAS GIVEN HEAVY COVERAGE TO VISIT WITH PRESS CARRYING NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON CASTRO AND CUBAN REVOLUTION. MARCH 15 TELEVISION CARRIED ONE HOUR FILM ON CUBAN REVOLUTION DUBBED INTO AMHARIC.

3. EDITORIAL ON "REVOLUTIONARY HERO'S VISIT TO ETHIOPIA" NOTED THAT CASTRO VISIT CAME ONLY FEW WEEKS AFTER DISCUSSION BETWEEN EPMG LEADERS AND CUBAN DELEGATION HEADED BY LEADING MEMBER OF CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP. EDITORIAL NO DOUBT REFERRING TO FEB.

20-28 VISIT OF DELEGATION LED BY GENERAL ARNALDO OCHOA (ADDIS ABABA 1255 AND PREVIOUS). KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT WAS CLOSELY HELD IN EPMG. MOFA AMERICAN DIVISION DIRECTOR, WHO NORMALLY WOULD HAVE PLAYED IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE IN VISIT APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF VISIT ON MARCH 14 AND HAS BEEN AT HIS DESK WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL THROUGHOUT VISIT.

4. CASTRO PARTY DEPARTED ADDIS MARCH 16.

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